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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Louis E. Henderson *et al.*

Application No.: 09/431,607

Filed: November 1, 1999

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
AND USING COMPOUNDS THAT  
INACTIVATE HIV-1 AND OTHER  
RETROVIRUSES BY ATTACKING  
HIGHLY CONSERVED ZINC FINGERS  
IN THE VIRAL NUCLEOCAPSID  
PROTEIN

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8955

Examiner: Shanon A. Foley

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1648

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.